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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested. Claims 1-7 and 10-15 are currently pending in this application. No claims have been amended herewith.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as not being supported by an adequate written description and as not being enabled without the use of a coupling/collimating lens; claims 1-6 and 10-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Appel et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,550,668 (hereinafter "the '668 patent"); claims 1-6 and 10-15 also were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Genovese, U.S. Patent No. 5,526,166 (hereinafter "the '166